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LAST GASP PSL DRAMA:

CROWN TILTS TO WESTAD

The last act of the 1978 Philips League drama is likely to be played out in Adelaide on Sunday where the "local derby" will decide whether the title goes to that city or stays in Sydney.

West Adelaide and Adelaide City, under their maiden names as Hellas and Juventus, played many memorable and vital matches during their long years of rivalry — but never one with such national importance.

A draw would be enough for West Adelaide to wrap up the title and touch off celebrations in true Buenos Aires style.

But will Adelaide City consent? There is a horrible dilemma: if they beat their neighbors, they will probably rob them of the title which then goes to Hakoah (provided they win against Olympic).

But if Adelaide City fails to win, the title stays within the city walls — though, for them, in the "wrong hands".

The race, for weeks involving four teams, has now been reduced to West Adelaide and Hakoah.

Hakoah's goal difference is far superior and if the teams finish on level points, the Sydney Blues are again champions — and again by a whisker.

So what will it be at Hindmarsh: fratricide or a peaceful family pact?

Will Adelaide City try to prevent their neighbors from winning the title — even if this costs the town glory?

Our hunch is that no quarter will be asked or given during the 90 minutes.

And if West Adelaide wants that title, they will have to sweat for it.

— By ANDREW DETTRE —

Meanwhile, two other major issues have been resolved. Marconi and South Melbourne will make

up, the semifinals, while Brisbane City will be last.

Marconi are not even certain of their third place any more — a formidable come-down for a team which up to June looked like running away with the race.

VOLUNTEERS FACE SACK

The "practical" arm of the Philips League, its Marketing and Development Committee, may be dead soon.

PSL manager John Frank last week told an MDC meeting at the Hakoah club that they either take their task more seriously or face the "sack" from their honorary positions.

The MDC has six members, including Frank. Last week's meeting was attended by three. And that has been the pattern for most of 1978.

It was established to help Frank in his marketing functions and corporate image-shaping exercises.

"I'm afraid not enough interest or enthusiasm is shown by the MDC," Frank said this week.

"At the next meeting the members either have to give an undertaking for more steady in-

volvement or we'll have the whole thing scrapped.

"After all, what's the use of having yet another committee which does nothing?"

The MDC's future is part of an overall review of the PSL management now being carried out.

Many feel that the PSL's management is not efficient enough to cope with the expansion policies necessary to sustain the league's momentum.

"This is partly the fault of the clubs," Frank said. "Many pay scant attention to PR and marketing outlets and don't even have a part-time man looking after these aspects."

The management committee of the PSL will meet in Sydney on August 30.

The following day the MDC will hold its next meeting — which may well be its last.



Hakoah's Ernie Campbell (left) and St George's Brendan Grosse (back) taming the ball last week with Hilton Silva fascinated by the scene.

NUMBERS RACKET IN LEAGUE SEMI-FINALS

It is almost certain that Sydney, despite having two teams in the Philips League play-off series, will not stage either of the two semifinals.

Almost regardless of the order of teams, West Adelaide and South Melbourne are likely to be "at home" next week to Hakoah and Marconi.

No doubt the PSL executive feels that the matches will attract much bigger crowds in Adelaide and Melbourne.

This is certainly true. However, the PSL is on dangerous territory if it begins to show such blatant preference to attendance figures over traditional sporting values.

Nobody denies that Sydney crowds have been sickly for the past two years, but it is questionable whether such decisions will make things any better.

Then there is the principle of fairness involved. Is it proper to put the two Sydney teams to a distinct disadvantage by asking them to play vital matches away?

Marconi for whom defeat would mean instant elimination, could be rightly aggrieved and, at last would have a very good reason to scream blue murder.

It's a pity that in Australia soccer nobody thinks further ahead than a few weeks.

The present rules of the PSL preclude the possibility of the logical solution: home-and-away matches as in the various European cups.

But as this is now impossible, because of lack of dates, the next fairest would have been to draw lots to determine the home teams.

By taking the two Sydney teams interstate the PSL is handing out severe punishment for those fans who have every right to see their team in action.

The danger is that soon the PSL will cater chiefly for Greek-based clubs which, numerically, dominate the scene and will eventually turn it into a Mediterranean League.

We concede that attendances are important — but surely so are the fundamentals of sport.

If everything is going to be judged merely on cash takings at the gates, we might as well turn the PSL into a plebiscite, awarding extra points for every 1000 spectators and deducting points from others who just cannot mobilise the same support.

In that case the PSL executive should be more honest and, by terminating the sweetheart arrangements, chuck out some of the present Sydney teams and have them replaced by Croatia and maybe a South American side.

But as long as the current teams are "tolerated" they must enjoy equal rights and equal opportunities.

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Conducted by Val Hokin
and Emmanuel Kanna

Bondi Marines (3rd Div.) have had a good season in '78 with their third grade taking out the premiership. In October Bondi will be conducting the annual competition where teams, composed of players from the district and being of English, Scottish, Irish and Australian nationalities, compete under appropriate names of England, Scotland, Ireland and Australia. Last year's winner was the Australian team.

Eastwood (5th Div.) player Gary Swales notched his 100th Federation match for the club last weekend. The home team advantage proved effective for Eastwood as their records show that the first grade was undefeated at home this season. Also their reserve grade has qualified for their semifinals.

Fairfield West (6th Div.) reserve grade have assured themselves of premiership honors, and veteran fullback Mick Murray has declared he will retire at the end of the season, ending his career on a high note. This makes the seventh consecutive season Mick has "retired"! Midfielder James McTaggart's "bachelor life" will end next weekend when his wife Anne and two children arrive from Scotland. The club's No. 1 supporter, physio Jack McGinlay, and his wife Betty celebrate their silver anniversary this week. To mark the occasion the players plan to present Jack with a silver bucket and sponge.

North Ryde (5th Div.) would like to congratulate fullback David Trott who celebrated his 21st birthday last week. After a party given for David, North Ryde defeated Kingsford 4-1 with David scoring the team's third goal.

Eastern Creek (6th Div.) congratulates their coach, Steve Premutico, who, upon taking up his first coaching position in '77 (with Eastern Creek), has coached the first grade team through two successful seasons undefeated. Reserve grade sweeper John Thiessen returns from injury and is looking to take up his old spot in first grade. The club is anticipating a good crowd at Cawarra Park next Sunday, when the final premiership matches for '78 are played against West Holroyd.

West St. George (6th Div.) have had yet another addition to their injury list. Brett Gilligan was rushed to Liverpool hospital last Saturday with a back injury, which fortunately proved to be torn muscles. Brett has been ordered a complete rest. Fortunately for the team Dave Hooper and Gary Gibson have recovered from their skiing injuries and are back "on the field".

President Branko Bosnjak and the committee of Edensor Park (7th Div.) congratulate their coach Bruno Tomasov for a successful season for the club's first year in Federation. First grade forward Ivan Lopic suffered a fractured ankle in the match against Chullora but is hoping to be fit to play in the Inter-Croatian competition in October. Thanks to players for their fine effort playing eight matches over four weekends — no complaints about lack of soccer at least!

Sydney University (4th Div.) have had problems towards the end of the season due to injuries and players taking skiing holidays. The results of the double-header last weekend reflected this problem in two 2-2 draws. Even so, Sydney University is now certain to be one of the top four in their division.

Kingsford (5th Div.) have received word from Fiji confirming the matches the club will play on their trip in November. Last week the club held a disco night at Kensington Bowling Club where many Olympic players including John Barboutis attended and helped to make a very successful evening.

Baulkham Hills (4th Div.) made certain of promotion and premiership honors last weekend with a 3-1 win over Ryde District. The club will hold a social for all Federation players and friends, also under-16 players and parents, next Sunday after the final premiership match of the season.

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CLUB PATROL

Auburn were hoping that TERRY BERTRAM would be able to make a comeback into the firsts this week, but he broke down again with a recurring injury. He has had a niggling knee injury for several months and during a second grade match it flared up again.

Young Sutherland starlet TONY BUSH is expected to be on the bench this week for the Sharks. Tony fell heavily on his shoulder in his debut for firsts against Croatia and it was thought he might have dislocated his shoulder. However, after examination it was proclaimed O.K., and JOHN WATKISS hopes to have him in the team in two weeks.

The Holroyd Rangers REC Recreation and Soccer Club is looking for soccer players who want to play with them next year, and who would also like to play cricket during the off season. Contact either George Garland 632-4221 or Arthur Carrig on 632-3471.

Bankstown's JOHN LEMBRYK, the 18-year-old defender-cum-midfielder, who has been out of action since the very first match of the season against Croatia, has made a comeback and is in the first team squad. John had to have an operation on his knee and several months of rest. But after regaining his fitness and sharpness in second grade he has won his way back into favour and is determined to help the club out of difficulties.

Yugal's stopper, MILE NOVAKOVIC was married

recently to KATHY, and the couple decided to postpone the honeymoon till after the end of the season.

Marrickville, tail-enders in Second Division, are hoping that they can continue on their winning way and so peg back Guilford who are only two points away. Marrickville had gone the whole season without a win, then got two in two weeks to surprise everybody, none the least themselves.

The coaching situation at Yugal is at present a rather clouded one, though ILJA TAKAC is at present the official coach. TONY SCHWARZ, who was appointed at the start of the season, left for overseas on personal matters, and extended his stay, forcing the club to make a temporary replacement in committeeman MIKE ALAGICH, and then a semi-permanent appointment in Takac. Meanwhile Schwarz is now back but out.

Marrickville put down their sudden revival to the reappearance of their former coach/player GEORGE McCULLOCH, formerly of Pan Hellenic. George read of Marrickville's plight in SW and contacted the club offering to help them out. The club gladly accepted the offer and now George, as captain, has been a key figure in some of their past matches.

Congratulations to Sutherland's RON and ROBIN GRIFFITHS, after the birth of their first child last week.

Revesby Workers supporters can win themselves a trip around the Pacific Islands, care of CTC lines, by attending Revesby's remaining matches. For more details you can contact the club Secretary R. POLLEY on 77-5528.

The Arncliffe Scots Under 14. As certainly could lay claim to the best performed team in either junior or senior competitions, after going through their local competition by winning every match. The boys are coached by Scots stalwart TOMMY FARRELL and managed by RON WALLACE, both of whom were feted at the Scots' Sports and Social club last week by other members and committeemen.

Sutherland, unfortunate to lose the sponsorship of VIP early in the season due to events beyond their control, are looking for any possible sponsor wishing to take advantage of their good position on the table and back them for the semi final series.

An enjoyable evening was had by both seniors and juniors the other week at the Bronte RSL Club when the QUEENS PARK Soccer Club had a club evening. Players and their wives or girlfriends from the senior section of the club, and parents and boys from the juniors were treated to entertainment and speeches in an effort to build greater unity within the club.

Due to the incoming cricket season, Arncliffe Scots have been forced to seek other venues for their matches against Granville and Sutherland because of the unavailability of Hurstville Oval. The match against Granville will be played at Seymour Shaw, while Scots will take on the Sharks at Barton Park.

Two new acquisitions of Marrickville were DAVID OLIVE and RICHIE NEWLANDS, both from the Cronulla Seagulls amateur team.

Feeling amongst some of the NSW State League clubs is that the season is far too long. A club like Sutherland for example will have played over 35 competition games, stretching from late January till the end of September, giving the players only a six week break before they have to resume training prior to the Ampol Cup.

Bankstown are doing everything they can to try and avoid relegation, and are playing trial games midweek regularly against such opposition as the Hakoah second team, Concordia and Polonia.

These Eagles can fly high



Bonnyrigg Eagles — standing L to R: Photo Condiditis, Emmanuel Isaac, Romel Benyamen, Eddy Adam, Tony Oshana and Michael Tooma; sitting L to R: Ashor Daniel, Sargon Makko, Joe Daniel, Dony Arkhiom and Martin Bazi.

For a club to win promotion three times in three years since joining the Federation is quite a feat which only Toongabbie has done so far, but now Bonnyrigg Eagles (Fifth Division), the club from Fairfield, has achieved the same honor.

Bonnyrigg Eagles was formed in 1970 as Assyrian Eagles, by the Assyrian Australian Association, the body which maintains full sponsorship of the Eagles and other three junior sides.

Until joining the Federation in 1976 the teams competed in The Southern Districts Association, along with many other teams such as Green Valley, Camden, Avala, Edensor Park and Moorebank.

In addition to the main support from the Assyrian Australian Association the side receives other sponsorships from interested individuals and business houses, the largest of these being from Fairfield Real Estate.

Membership of the AAA, which is at present about 500, is open to all persons interested, and to join the Eagles a player need only prove himself to remain in the team.

While no subscriptions are collected from players, no payments are made, either, and the club is run entirely on an amateur basis.

In addition to all expenses being paid by the club, all players are covered by an insurance scheme towards loss of wages.

The coach, Michael Tooma, an ex-Yugal player, and the committee impose a very strict discipline among the players.

With substantial support and an average home gate of 350, the aim is to continue winning until a higher status in the Second Division is attained.

The Assyrian Australian Association has started the building of a licensed club in Bonnyrigg for an outlay of \$400,000 and this can only spell a prosperous future for Bonnyrigg Eagles and soccer in NSW.

— E. KANNA

Saints plotting for new season

St George BSC are determined to climb back to the top of the tree next year — even if it costs them a small fortune.

On the advice of caretaker coach Joe Vlasits — certain to remain with the club as a special technical adviser — the Saints are preparing to spend at least \$60,000 on rebuilding their team.

Vlasits is preparing a report for the club with detailed recommendations about players to be kept and released.

At least three, possibly five new players will be signed, most from Australian clubs.

Contrary to reports, Ralph Coates seems certain to return to St. George in January and sign a two-year contract.

Manager Les Bordacs said this week his club and Coates, 32, had agreed on terms and the ex-England star was helping Joe Vlasits with his 1979 plans.

"We are delighted with Coates not only as a player but also as a person and a clubman," Bordacs said.

"He is undoubtedly the most successful guest player we have ever brought out."

"Now we want to change his status from guest to resident."

By early 1979 — possibly for

the first PSL match — the Saints' Barton Park Stadium will have its modern grandstand finished.

This will have almost 4000 individual seats under cover and will also house, at the top, modern press room and office facilities and under the stand, dressing rooms, restaurant, cafeteria, physiotherapy room and store-room.

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The AGM of the Yugal club will be held on September 9 at the club's premises in Quay Street, in the city.

Revesby Workers have lost two valuable players in EDDIE HOWARD and BILLY PRIOR for the past two weeks, and they could be out for a bit longer. Both have had bad ankle injuries and have to rest their legs for a while.

LETTER

I read with interest an article by Keith Gilmour in your August 3 issue concerning schools soccer in Northern NSW.

I teach in a Christian Brothers' High School in Wollongong, and in the local Wednesday afternoon High Schools' Competition the school fielded nine teams compared with six in the Rugby League competition.

This represents a tremendous increase over the last few years.

In addition approximately 40 per cent of the boys playing in the soccer teams do not play junior soccer at weekends.

However, some of the problems with senior school soccer are that the boys are not eligible for selection in the Combined High Schools teams, nor can a private school compete in the prestigious Tasman Cup competition.

The latter problem is overcome somewhat in Rugby League by the Amco Shield which is open to all schools.

I would like to see a similar competition for soccer teams if, as seems likely, the Tasman Cup is to remain a competition for State High Schools only.

If there exists such a competition — or the possibility of one — then I would welcome it as a benefit to soccer, to individual schools and to the students.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA

The Australian Soccer Press Association (SA Division) with a membership of 26, has organised a presentation dinner dance on October 21, at the new luxurious Juventus (Adelaide City) clubrooms, Kensington. During the evening two new local awards will be presented to players: a "Player of the Year" award, sponsored by the Savings Bank of SA. A limited number of tickets at \$10 each are available for the general public from Ennio Damiani at the clubrooms, or any members of the association.

It's almost certain that PSL soccer will again be broadcast live in Adelaide

on Sundays from Radio 5DN next season. Recent radio surveys show that 5DN's Sunday afternoon program ratings have been excellent.

The Azzurri game against Victoria on Saturday was postponed when referee John Woodward considered Adey Reserve unsuitable for play. What a lot of nonsense! It was a beautiful, sunny day. Agreed, it rained on and off for two days before, but isn't this a winter sport? Also not forgetting it was to be Azzurri's last home match for the season. Why all the fuss? Azzurri's officials are well aware of the problem. Club secretary Ted Juliano said that all the problems

VIC'S QUICKS

will be solved in the near future. He expects the club will have its own ground and clubrooms complex in the eastern districts of Adelaide.

There seems to be a lot of speculation among lower division Rothmans League clubs on how the relegation promotion format will operate at the end of the season. For clarification, we contacted the Federation office.

The lay-out is identical as it was last year:

Second and third division champions will automatically gain promotion (provided that the Federation requirements are fulfilled).

First and second division tail-enders will be relegated. The third division will be restructured.

Next season we will have only two Rothmans League divisions, first and second. The Metropolitan clubs will be made up of two divisions. The two Rothmans divisions will operate as usual. The first Metropolitan division includes first teams, reserves and juniors.

The second Metropolitan division will comprise first teams only.

Existing third division clubs will form the bulk of the first division Metropolitan League. The other Metropolitan division will be formed mainly of clubs now competing as the Metropolitan League to the Rothmans League next season, but applications will be considered.

Here are the names of the lucky winners from the "Australian Soccer Competition", sponsored by "The Goal" Soccer Shop of Adelaide in association with "Soccer World".

The first prize of a soccer ball autographed by Greek and Australian players before the recent international in Adelaide went to Mr J. Blackman, Nailsworth, SA. Consolation prizes went to Mrs Hoban, Magill, SA; Miss V. A. McArdle, West Croydon, SA; W. E. Mountaw, Parkside, SA; R. Blackman, Nailsworth, SA; E. Klavin, Aspley, Queensland; R. D. Woolman, Glenelg, SA, and P. Hawkins, Eden Hill, SA.

STATE SQUADS

South Australia has selected its State squads for the various national age-group championships. They are:

UNDER 12

Gavin Page (Para Hills West); Peter Galbraith (West Adelaide); Kurt Riebe, Steven Douglas, Sean Greaves (Elizabeth West); Gino Pellizzari (ED Azzurri); Graeme Schache (Modbury); Simon Green, Carl Whithead (Enfield/Victoria); Kevin Booth (Modbury and Polonia); Michael Durrant (Modbury and Enfield/Victoria); Darren Bray, Graham Mullins (Para Hills); Paul Cousins (Elizabeth North); Wayne Dugan (Whyalla Wanderers); Paul Kolesnikowicz (Polonia). Coach: Graham Mullins; Manager: Dave Hony.

UNDER 13

David Miller (Salisbury East and Enfield/Victoria); Anthony Dorico (Polonia); Timothy Horry, Brian Lawlor, Leslie Matczak, Robert Braithwaite (Enfield/Victoria); Mark Harvey, Robert Watkins, Liam Kelly (Para Hills West); Bernard Sanchez (Don Largs); George Konstantopoulos (Port Adelaide); Philip Mullen (Salisbury United); John Klein (Whyalla Wanderers); Ian Cole (Whyalla City); Brenton Hiern (Birkalla); Michael Kelly (Eastern Park and Enfield/Victoria). Coach: John Karounas; Manager: Norm Graham.

UNDER 14

Graham Wood, Ian Waine, Bryan Edwards (Para Hills East); Robin Williams, Robert Alberton, Andrew List, Frank Boetel (Enfield/Victoria); Joe Visconte, Steve Witwicki (Polonia); Alan Miller, Joe Mullen (Salisbury United); Barry Crook (Para Hills); Nicholas Flanagan (Westland United); Chris Hodgson (ED Azzurri); Zelyko Blagojevic (Beograd); Paul Kitchin (Noarlunga United). Coach: Bill Gray; Manager: John O'Brien.

UNDER 15

John D'Orsi, Romano Rossi, Dino Pellizzari, Philip Peacock (ED Azzurri); Chris Manou (Adelaide University); Tasso Malavazos (West Adelaide); Barry Wilcock, Martin Clark, Stuart Tyerman, Chris Ryan (Elizabeth City); Michael O'Brien, David Richardson (Cumberland); Brooke Aubrey, David Alberton (Enfield/Victoria); David Doorne (Birkalla); John Kulas (Croatia). Coach: George Cross; Manager: Peter Lambie.

UNDER 16

Brian Gale (Enfield); Lidio Andreotti (Para Hills); Vernon Cooper (Noarlunga City); Stuart Gannon (Para Hills); Peter Jackson (Enfield); Robert Jast (Elizabeth); John Kaye (Polonia); Keith Levett (Para Hills); Ian McKie (Enfield); John Marsden (Beograd); Dennis Milne (Salisbury); David Mitchell (Enfield); Jim Panos (Adelaide University); Charley Villani (Adelaide City); Van Wilton (Para Hills); Craig Jardine (Para Hills).

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FIRST DIVISION

CUMBERLAND (D. Leone) v **USC LION** 0. Cumberland: Parks, B. Leone (Parkhurst), Harvey, Stuart, Ball, Evans, D. Leone, Dobney, Mahony (Mexsom), Welsh, Reeves. Lion: Rinko, Herd, Howlett, Tennant, P. Nyskohus, Booth (Jacob), Edwards, Middleton, Kowalski (Inyicki), Coggiano, Bradley.

Reserves: 1-2. Juniors: 2-2.

BEGRAD 6 (Kamleitner 3, Bojczuk 2, Kleut) v **ELIZABETH CITY** 1 (Evans).

Beograd Wille: Flecknor, Maricic, Sale, Harwood, Kleut, Wickstein, Kamleitner, Bojczuk, Tsentidis (P. Jankovic), Santrac, Farkas.

Elizabeth City: Brewin, Hines, Preston (Evans), Henderson, Strain, Lees, McGregor, (Morrison), Fraser, Greenhalgh, Boyd, Dobbins.

Reserves: 3-1. Juniors: 4-2.

POLONIA 6 (Lorecki 2, H. Kolecki 2, M. Kolecki, Polaczek) v **NOARLUNGA** 2 (Moore, Wetton).

Polonia: Jacques, Lorecki, M. Kolecki (Kritikos), Dooley, Stanczak, Dibartolo, Mazyca, Pettit, H. Kolecki, Polaczek, Cabonaro.

Noarlunga: Young, Brown (Ottaway), Cartwright (McArdle), White, Martin, Cauchey, Moore, Artis, Wetton, Fay, Daglish.

Reserves: 1-2. Juniors: 4-2.

PARA HILLS 2 (Durrant, Bell) v **CROATIA** 1 (Hoyes).

Para Hills: Stoneham, Muldon, Gardiner, Hilton, Humphreys, Bridie, Durrant, Toner, (Ward) Williams (Burton) Bell Duncan.

Croatia: Przybylske, Williams, Ivanov, Holland, Kotlar, Matulic, Rogusic (Rushane) Ilic (Z. Matulic), Harrow, Thomson, Hayes.

Reserves: 4-1. Juniors: 1-0.

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Smalltalk

Rivelino has gone to Saudi Arabia. So has Paulo Cesar and Dettmar Cramer. The Middle East, it seems, is soccer's new Mecca.

We hear of staggering sums paid for players and coaches; vast amounts poured into sporting projects and venues.

Then we nod knowingly; of course, they have their oil. As if that alone could explain the phenomenon.

Like hell it does. Australia is infinitely richer than Saudi Arabia with all its lousy oil.

We have nickel and uranium, coal and oil, diamond and gold not to mention the other almost unaccountable national assets.

And what do we spend on sport? Almost nothing.

When one says "Arabs" he means vaguely some dark characters in kaftans and kafirs crawling in and out of tents with fantastic jewels sprawling at their feet and waiting for their predictable command.

Or, at worst, he pictures whole Governments in Jeddah and other cities spending the entire day plotting their soccer future.

The fact is that those Arab clubs which are now hitting the headlines are blessed with individual millionaires willing to spend their fortune on their teams.

Exactly the way our millionaire presidents are not.

Neither are the Lang Hancocks of this country, many of whom cannot even spell the word philanthropy, let alone practise it.

Let's face it; Australians aren't good givers at any level. Bequests to alma maters, universities and research centres, are rare, unlike in the USA.

And it's the same in sport. I'm not thinking of a measly occasional donation but a gift of \$500,000 or so which many could well afford.

That's why the US has a Rockefeller Plaza and a Ford Foundation, why the Arabs are earning our oohs and aahs with their incredible, almost frivolous generosity and why Australian sport including soccer, is where it is — among the world's tailenders.

And while talking of money; last week the NSW Government proudly announced plans to build a new prison at Parklea, for \$13 million.

When completed, it will house 300 prisoners, no doubt in comfort they have richly earned.

Meanwhile, we have also at Parklea that struggling old "Soccer Academy" which, for lack of funds, never really developed into much more than a quaint, rural paddock.

Neither the NSW Government nor any other authority would dream of putting even \$1.3 million into that project.

The Parklea prison will incarcerate 300 inmates; the Parklea Soccer Centre could provide pleasure for tens of thousands.

But who wants to provide pleasure here? Or isn't meting out punishment the supreme pleasure of them all?

I tell you, we live in a crazy world. You have to be a criminal in this country to get any attention at all.

— ANDREW DETTRE

SYDNEY YOUTH LEAGUE

Marconi Raiders v St. George Dragons	2-0
Newcastle v Olympic	2-0
Marconi Comets v Western Suburbs	1-1
Hakoah v St. George Colts	3-2

POINTS:
Newcastle 4; Marconi Raiders, Western Suburbs and Marconi Comets 3; Hakoah 2; Olympic 1; St. George Dragons and St. George Colts 0.

THIS WEEKEND:
Olympic v St. George Dragons (Sunday, Wentworth Park, 1pm)
Newcastle v Marconi Raiders (Saturday, International Sports Centre, 12.30pm)
St. George Colts v Western Suburbs (Sunday, Barton Park, 1pm)
Marconi Comets v Hakoah (Sunday, Bossley Park, 11am)

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Marconi

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MARCONI: Maher 4, Jones 3, Degney 3, Russell 4, Prskalo 3, Ielamo 4 (Selvage 46m, 3), Jankovics 3, Vieri 4, Rooney 4, Mariani 3 (Sharne 58m), Ollerton 2. **Coach:** R. Rasic.

Referee: T. Boskovic. **Crowd:** 5241. **Cautions:** Degney.

If a coach elects to replace two fit men by the 58th minute he has no room to manoeuvre if another player suffers injury. So it was with Rale Rasic, not normally a risk-taker, on this occasion. Bert Mariani came off for Peter Sharne, although it appeared that Peter Ollerton could have been moved out also. Before that Domingo Ielamo, looking every inch a champion, had been replaced at half-time by Stuart Selvage in what appeared to be a defensive move.

In the 59th minute tragedy struck. Mark Jankovics was making a quick burst for goal when he pulled a hamstring and was a complete passenger from then on. Twice towards the end he was in a position to score from a header, but he was completely immobile. It was unlucky that Sharne carried a leg injury from the interstate game in Brisbane. He would not have been played had not

Syd. Olympic

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OLYMPIC: Meier 5, Palmer 4, Luckett 4, Bell 3, Wilson 3, G. Allan 4, Laing 3, Jamieson 3, McIntosh 3, Cross 3, Ainslie 3. **Coach:** J. Marston.

the position been desperate, but he was, thankfully, completely free in his movements and gave Olympic a deal of trouble, although Palmer and Luckett looked after him well at times.

Although Olympic had every reason to be pleased with their showing, they would not have done so well had they been up against the Marconi of old. Barry Jones was tentative, Ivo Prskalo too defensive altogether, Mariani and Ollerton slow, and Vieri, the old master still, too often not involved in the play. Olympic got just as many shots on goal as Marconi, but it was Marconi who kept up a flow of good crosses from the wings. They were invariably snuffed out by Gary Meier, whose handling from crosses has improved immeasurably. In the defensive department Gary Allan held well, Jim Rooney and Paul Luckett contained Jankovics well, whilst the latter was in the game.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Easts Hakoah

4 (2)

HAKOAH: Clarke 3, Mullen 4, Thompson 4, O'Connor 4, Mowbray 4, Stevenson 4, Barnes 4, Souness 4 (Trenter 84m), Campbell 3, Smith 4, Silva 3. **Coach:** G. Chaldi.

Goals: 1-0 Grosse o.g. (23m), 1-1 Morgan (25m), 2-1 Stevenson (26m), 2-2 O'Connor (46m), 3-2 Smith (63m), 4-2 Smith (83m). **Referee:** J. Reeves. **Crowd:** 2747 (double-header). **Cautions:** Harris.

With half their team bedridden during the week due to flu, the wobbly Saints could stay in the game only for the first hour — and even then only because the much more skilled Hakoah let them. Apart from a brief spell after the interval, Hakoah were clearly the masters, stitching together some of their best pattern soccer and moving the ball around sweetly. They used the wings intelligently, dominated the midfield and, with tight marking, put Coates out of the game altogether.

Both defences were in a generous mood: most of the goals were engineered by sloppy rearguard action or shaky goalkeeping. The Saints led in this department: Coe can be blamed

St. George

2 (1)

ST. GEORGE: Coe 2, Harris 3, Utjesenovic 3, Grosse 3 (M. O'Shea 46m), Terry 3, R. O'Shea 3, J. O'Shea 4, Coates 3, Hensman 2 (Djurisic 80m), Morgan 3, O'Connor 2. **Coach:** J. Vlasits.

for two and his fullbacks for the other two goals which, much to their credit, the Hakoah strikers gratefully exploited.

With much more to fight for, Hakoah were the more enterprising of the two teams and towards the end seemed to be running away with the match. For the Saints, the defeat came at the best possible time: a lucky draw might have given them the false impression that with the very same team they could be in the title hunt in 1979. That they cannot and the way they were outclassed for the better part of the 90 minutes should serve as a living testimony to that effect.

— ANDREW DETTRE

West. Suburbs

1 (0)

WESTS: T. Eaton 4, Skellern 3, Wilson 4, Turnbull 4, Rowden 3, O'Donnell 3 (Davis 52m), Stone 4, Harding 3, Vernon 3, C. Eaton 3, Fisher 3. **Coach:** M. Laing.

Goal: 1-0 Stone (80m). **Referee:** B. Wilkinson. **Crowd:** 2747 (double-header). **Cautions:** Henderson, Byrne, Kawaleva.

Canberra threw this match away, largely due to the inept performance of the usually reliable Terry Byrne. He missed three second half chances with such casual attitude that he perhaps, decided that because the match had no importance there was no need to go flat out. In fact, neither side really got involved in the match, though Canberra did play by far the more purposeful football. They could fling passes around, find their man and gradually probe forward into Wests territory.

But the Wests defence, built around both Turnbull and Wilson was superb and never gave up. When Kawaleva burst through into the box after 25 minutes, Rowden was there to make sure he didn't have a clear shot at goal, while in the last five minutes

Canberra City

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CANBERRA: Tilsed 3, Henderson 4, Salgado 4, Stark 4, Hogg 3, Davies 3 (Reis 53m), Byrne 2, Kawaleva 4, Cant 3, Heywood 3, Guicic 3 (Lustica 80m). **Coach:** J. Warren.

Wilson saved a certain goal when he hurt himself while clearing a Byrne shot off the line with Eaton beaten.

The attacking came mainly from Canberra, but with Guicic looking off form, and with Byrne having a miserable game, it was left to Kawaleva to offer any forward punch. He played well, but was unsupported and unable to find a way through. Wests relied on counter punches to score, and could have possibly had another when Fisher sent a flashing header past the post from a Stone run. As it was Stone got the winner, perhaps against the run of play, latching onto a miss-cleared ball to drive home a 20-metre around shot through a forest of legs.

— STEPHEN DETTRE

Adelaide City

1 (0)

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 3, B. Nyskohus 4, Russo 2, Besir 3, Lister 3, Matic 4, Rigby 3, Marwe 3, Muniz 4, J. Nyskohus 4, Northcote 5. **Coach:** L. Scheinflug.

Goals: 0-1 Laslo (22m), 0-2 B. Nyskohus o.g. (58m), 0-3 Hughes (62m), 1-3 Muniz penalty (76m), 1-4 Ontong (88m). **Referee:** D. Stanley. **Crowd:** 1500. (Postponed match).

The Brisbane Lions hoodoo over Adelaide City reigned supreme in this postponed round 23 game. Last year Lions held City to two draws and they won 3-1 in Brisbane this season. City don't usually play home games on Saturdays and not many of their players responded to the change of routine. Lions, perhaps, could be classed as lucky to catch City without Dixie Deans and John. Perin (suspended) and Gary Marocchi and Fred Yung (injured), but the bananalanders deserved their success because of their calm efficiency.

City appeared the more productive side in the opening 20 minutes, with Agenor Muniz, Robert Marwe and

Brisbane Lions

4 (1)

BRISBANE LIONS: MacKenzie 4, Potter 4, Hermiston 4, Bennett 4, Niven 3, Neale 4, Amos 4, Laslo 4, Fairbrother 4, Hughes 4, Ontong 4. **Coach:** J. Vincze.

Brian Northcote interchanging well, but Lions took the initiative when Barrie Fairbrother belted a rising drive past Peter Marshall. Buggy Nyskohus should have equalised in the 34th minute when Muniz found him unmarked in the goalmouth, but the fullback flashed his first-time shot over the crossbar. Alan Hughes commented Lions' position by being directly responsible for two goals in four minutes.

Hughes ended a streaking left wing run with a shot which Marshall parried and Hughes' second attempt from the rebound was turned into the goal by Buggy Nyskohus as he tried to clear.

— ALLAN CRISP

Brisbane City

1 (1)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 4, Rathnell 3, Ratcliffe 3, Kibbey 4, Perry 4, Echeverria 3, Coyne 4, Gaffney 3 (Pimblett 75m), Caldwell 3, Kelso 4, Ibanez 2 (Conner 45m). **Coach:** D. Neel.

Goals: 1-0 Kelso (2m), 1-1 Boden (40m), 1-2 Boden pen (84m). **Referee:** D. Nugent. **Crowd:** 2400. **Cautions:** Kibbey.

This game, between two sides desperate for points, started sensationally when the re-vamped City took the lead with a good goal. Echeverria took a freekick on the right wing and placed the ball perfectly for the giant Kelso to hammer home with his head. City were playing with a tremendous amount of spirit and the two "selectors" were making sure the pressure was kept on. John Coyne in midfield was getting through a tremendous amount of work and had a hand in creating another two good chances that were scorned when good cross balls were scooped over the bar.

United's best chance was a corner which bounced right across the City goalmouth with no takers anywhere to be seen. Then, after the play had degenerated somewhat suddenly, Boden showed us what all the rave notices are about when he juggled a ball two or three times before turning and hammering home a shot. The second half saw both sides throw everything into attack and, though the play was exciting, in technique it suffered from anxieties, balls being played hurriedly and in general defenders were having the better of the resultant jousts. Dando, who had a great game, saved well from his City counterpart Coyne who outclimbed the defence to send in a great header. Then Boden showed his class again when he sent Drinkwater away with a great through ball. Roy charged goalwards, took the ball around Wishart who threw himself at the ball but, unfortunately, saw—Drinkwater "hit the dirt". A penalty, perhaps rather harsh, but Boden crashed in the shot to give United the lead.

City charged upfield and laid siege on the United goal and then all hell

Newcastle

2 (1)

NEWCASTLE UNITED: Dando 5, Willis 3, Drinkwater 3, Summerscales 3, Curran 3, Galpin 4, Snedden 3, Mason 3, Tredinnick 3, Boden 5, Senkalski 3. **Coach:** A. Vest.

was let loose in staid old Perry Park. In the dying seconds a ball was hoisted into the area where Kelso charged forward. Just as he took off he was charged in the back and it was noticed that referee Nugent immediately blew his whistle and pointed to the spot. Unfortunately for the referee, and City, Kelso's climb and resultant header crashed the ball into the net past Dando. The referee had to stick to his original decision and captain Rathnell stepped forward to take, in effect, the last kick of the ball for the referee indicated it was time. Dando threw himself to his right and palmed Rathnell's shot out of the goal. It was over and the arguments began.

— JIM BINNIE

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SOUTH MELBOURNE: Reilly 3, Pye 3, Hazamanouil 2, Baxter 3, Munro 2, Lutton 3, Kyriakoulas 2 (Kakantonis 65m), Rogers 3, Kalafatis 3, Cummings 3, Nicolaidis 2. **Coach:** D. MacLaren.

Goals: 1-0 McGregor (14m), 2-0 Jones (55m). **Referee:** T. Davis. **Crowd:** 12,000 (double-header). **Cautions:** Cummings.

West Adelaide swept aside a weakened South Melbourne to virtually clinch the title on Sunday. With Evans suspended and Campbell injured, Dave MacLaren appeared to blunder badly, leaving Sammy Wright on the bench and gambling on three schoolboys. Sad to say, there was no story-book ending, for they were woefully inadequate on the day, and weren't helped by a strange line-up that had Chris Kalafatis misplaced as a front runner.

On top of that, Frank Munro could never have played worse, and that left Baxter, Lutton and Cummings to carry the burden, and it was beyond them. Although the game was a sad let-down, nothing should be taken away from West Adelaide, who gave a great/all-round display of teamwork.

West Adelaide

2 (1)

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 3, Bozanic 3, Reynolds 5, McGachey 4, Kampas 3, Jones 3, Boyle 4, Pillans 3, Norris 3, Honeyman 3, McGregor 4. **Coach:** J. Adam.

Their defence, with Barry Reynolds outstanding, was magnificent, and Neil McGachey, Peter Boyle and Ian McGregor were everywhere and ran the South defenders dizzy. The game opened in a tense atmosphere and Cummings had a good chance for South, but Martyn Crook stuck out a leg and foiled him and then Westad besieged the South goal and after Reilly had survived one anxious period, the inevitable goal came.

The giant Dave Pillans set it up when he changed feet beautifully and put the ball on a plate for McGregor, who couldn't miss. After that, the game was over, and it is merely a matter of record that Dave Jones, following up, collected a rebound from Reilly and slotted home No. 2.

— LES SHORROCK

Footscray

4 (3)

FOOTSCRAY: Boland 3, Hazabent 3, Kazi 4, Kriaris 4, Kondarios 4, Rujovic 3 (Vasic 70m), Ristic 4, Ilioski 3, Picoane 4 (Nicolaidis 70m), Lujic 4, Ristovski 3. **Coach:** C. Crkovic.

Goals: 1-0 Ilioski (8m), 2-0 Lujic (26m), 3-0 Picoane (43m), 4-0 Nicolaidis (75m). **Referee:** D. Yelland. **Crowd:** 12,000 (double-header). **Cautions:** Hughes.

This was a week that the Brisbane Lions players would want to forget in a hurry. They came straight from beating a depleted Adelaide City the day before and ran into the Blues at their scintillating best. For an hour Footscray enchanted the crowd with one of the best displays of crisp, man to man passing that has been seen in Melbourne this season and they had Lions chasing shadows.

Then, with the game safely in their keeping, they relaxed and with Lions disinclined to make a fight for the points, the game degenerated into a

Brisbane Lions

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BRISBANE LIONS: McKenzie 2, Potter 3, Hermiston 4, Bennett 2, Niven 3, Neale 3, Amos 3 (Lownds 70m), Laslo 4, Fairbrother 3 (Wilson 55m), Hughes 2, Ogden 2. **Coach:** J. Vincze.

force, especially when Lions, with a depleted bench, brought on goalie Nigel Lownds as a front runner! Ilioski banged home the first goal from short range after Lujic had waltzed around three defenders.

Lujic himself added the second, with a lob that completely deceived Roddie McKenzie, and the exasperating Joe Picoane notched the third on the stroke of half-time with a lazy-looking volley that Bobby Charlton himself would have been proud of.

— LES SHORROCK

TOP SCORERS

Boden (Newcastle)	14
Eaton (West. Sub.)	14
O'Connor (St. George)	12
Vieri (Marconi)	11
Campbell (Fitzroy)	11
Cole (Fitzroy)	11
Fisher (West. Sub.)	9
Guicic (Canberra)	9
Byrne (Canberra)	9
Jankovics (Marconi)	9
Hughes (Br. Lions)	9
Ollerton (Marconi)	8
Silva (Hakoah)	8
Campbell (Hakoah)	8

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PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

In brackets: Last week's placings	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY						
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
1 (1) WEST ADELAIDE.....	25	16	3	6	41	26	35	12	9	—	3	23	13	18	13	7	3	3	18	13	17
2 (2) HAKOAH	25	14	5	6	47	27	33	13	8	2	3	25	11	18	12	6	3	3	22	16	15
3 (4) MARCONI	25	12	6	7	46	30	30	13	8	3	2	30	14	19	12	4	3	5	16	16	11
4 (3) SOUTH MELBOURNE...	25	11	8	6	42	30	30	13	7	3	3	26	12	17	12	4	5	3	16	18	13
5 (5) FITZROY	25	9	8	8	39	38	26	12	6	3	3	19	13	15	13	3	5	5	20	25	11
6 (6) BRISBANE LIONS	25	8	10	7	36	37	26	12	4	6	2	15	13	14	13	4	4	5	21	24	12
7 (7) OLYMPIC	25	9	7	9	35	41	25	12	3	3	6	16	21	9	13	6	4	3	19	20	16
8 (9) WESTERN SUBURBS ...	25	9	6	10	41	44	24	13	6	4	3	25	18	16	12	3	2	7	16	26	8
9 (8) ST. GEORGE	25	10	3	12	40	40	23	12	6	1	5	19	17	13	13	4	2	7	21	23	10
10 (10) ADELAIDE CITY	25	9	5	11	37	43	23	13	6	2	5	22	18	14	12	3	3	6	15	25	9
11 (12) NEWCASTLE	25	5	10	10	32	40	20	12	2	6	5	18	20	10	13	3	4	6	14	20	10
12 (13) FOOTSCRAY	25	6	8	11	28	37	20	13	2	3	8	17	21	7	12	4	5	3	11	16	13
13 (11) CANBERRA	25	5	10	10	28	38	20	12	2	8	2	19	17	12	13	3	2	8	9	21	8
14 (14) BRISBANE CITY	25	6	3	16	27	48	15	13	4	2	7	15	22	10	12	2	1	9	12	26	5



PHILIPS LEAGUE '78

DRAMA CERTAIN IN ADELAIDE FINALE

This week sees the PSL draw to a close in the tightest of finishes, rivalling the end of the 1977 season in its nail-biting qualities.

It is virtually a tale of two cities, as Hakoah takes on Olympic in Sydney and Westad prepares to do battle with Adelaide City.

A draw is enough for Westad to snatch the title away from the grasp of Hakoah, but a loss by the Adelaide team, and a victory by Hakoah would see the Sydney team win, again on goal difference.

Traditionally Olympic has been a tough nut for Hakoah, up until this year when, in two clashes, they hit nine goals past the "Greeks" without reply.

Last year Hakoah also faced Olympic on the last day of the competition and they almost proved the stumbling block, holding the champions to a scoreless draw to give Hakoah the title only on goal difference.

Again Hakoah must face Olympic for the title, but here a win is the only result that will suffice.

A large crowd is not really expected, though it should be in attendance, for both teams play good attacking football, especially the elegant Hakoah.

For Westad to take the title they have to face the ultimate test: their eternal nemesis Adelaide City.

Admittedly a draw would be enough for them, but one feels that this match will not result in a tie, as both honor, prestige and the championship title are on the line.

Adelaide City would love nothing better than to destroy Westad's chances of taking the title, while a victory for Westad would enthrone them as undisputed kings of the city.

Adelaide City's results on the weekend were rather baffling, with a hammering at the hands of Lions, then a handy defeat of Fitzroy the next day.

Westad demolished a weakened South Melbourne in their only game, so the scene is set for a clash that is likely to have a large crowd in attendance.

My tip is an upset here, though, with the title in sight, it will be hard to oust Westad.

The remaining matches will have no relevance on the outcome of the title race, and will only be important in settling the crush for the minor placings, as the top four is already decided.

No dramatic changes in placings are likely, though a few teams may jump up and down the table after this week.

One thing is for certain:

Brisbane City are the wooden-spooners, an "honor" that Mooroolbark found disastrous last year.

Newcastle, with Bobby Charlton, take on Marconi in a game certain to arouse great interest in the area.

Marconi, now so vulnerable that nearly everyone they come up against has no fears, found Newcastle a difficult prospect earlier in the year, and could once again have their hands full.

Boden will have one last chance to wrest the top scorer's trophy from Clive Eaton, while Marconi will hope to go out on a winning note to prepare yet again for next year.

A home win or draw is my tip.

An injury wracked South Melbourne was no match for the power of Westad last week but should be able to handle a "sterile" Canberra, even without such stars as Christopoulos and Campbell.

Canberra's forward line has had great difficulty in scoring recently and will probably find Souths' back line no less compromising.

Souths will possibly use this match as a warm-up for the clash with Marconi in the sudden death semi-final, yet are certain not to risk any more injuries.

A draw is my tip.

St. George's splendid run of successes came to an abrupt, if noble end, last week against their eternal rivals Hakoah, but they played a great part in an excellent football match.

Tasman Cup

The big schools clash in the Tasman Cup between Normanhurst High and Jannali High takes place on Friday night at Englefield Stadium, Dural.

This semi-final pits two of Sydney's top teams against each other at 7.30pm, with an early fixture at 6pm.

The winner goes on to meet the winner of Canterbury and Booragul, to be played during week ending September 15, after the Australian schools team returns from America.

Normanhurst coach John McDonald has a bunch of dedicated triers.

The leading player is possibly Peter Seach, who was selected to represent NSW in next week's big interstate schoolboy series in Newcastle.

Jannali's midfielder John Raack has been scoring a hatful of goals in Sutherland's classy third term.

Last week's Northern Districts Cup semi-final between Carlingford and Pennant Hills will have to be replayed.

— By Stephen Dettre —

This week against Wests they certainly have a chance to pull up into the seventh spot, far better than the bottom place they were occupying several weeks ago.

Many Saints players have been struck with 'flu, but by this week they will, hopefully, be fully recovered.

Neville Morgan has been most useful in several games, and when given the opportunity, packs an unbelievable shot in both feet, as he proved against Hakoah.

Wests, rather bland, were extremely lucky against Canberra and could well have gone down.

They will need to improve dramatically up front to make any headway against a Saints defence which can be well controlled, and yet so vulnerable if continually pressured.

The two other Melbourne teams, Fitzroy and Footscray, do battle on Sunday to sort out more minor placings on the table.

Fitzroy, surprisingly, went down to a supposedly jaded Adelaide City last week, while Footscray pulled off a shock, downing Lions by 4-0 in a match in which they finally used all their ball skill and artistry to destroy the opponents.

Newcastle

"Guest star" former English international forward Bobby Charlton will help swell the expected huge crowd at the International Sports Centre on Saturday.

But for thousands of diehard Newcastle KB United supporters the main attraction will be their own "KB" — the irrepressible Ken Boden.

Boden has scored 14 goals this season in the PSL series and his efforts to deceive Marconi representative goalkeeper Alan Maher will be given tremendous vocal backing.

Boden possesses some of the attributes of the great Charlton.

He has come in for some exceedingly rough punishment from over zealous defenders this season but remains completely uninvolved with no sign of retaliation.

Like Charlton, he is extremely cool in a tight situation and his masterly ball control is right out of the old Manchester United star mould.

Quite often this season Boden has been forced to plough a lone furrow, lacking sufficient support, which further emphasises his remarkable scoring record of notching almost half of Newcastle's goals.

Newcastle United may not occupy a prominent position in the PSL but the club's promotional work in its inaugural season has been top grade.

In the first round at Marconi Park, Newcastle United held a deserved 2-1 lead before an unfortunate "own goal" by skipper Roy Drinkwater.

Drinkwater in recent matches has been one of the team's mainstays, and he is determined to lead his team to a culminating win over the clever Marconi side.

Coach Alan Vest has not decided which player will stand down to make way for Bobby Charlton, who will probably fill a midfield role.

— M. HAY

Both sides like to attack, and with such noted strikers as Cole, Campbell, Buljevic, Ristovski, Palinkas and Picoane there should be plenty of fireworks and goals.

A draw is my tip.

The round of the season will produce five intra-city duels, the last being Lions-Brisbane City.

City can't get away from bottom, but they can prevent Lions from getting fifth spot on the table.

Lions grabbed a great win over Adelaide City last week, but mysteriously slumped against Footscray the next day when, theoretically, their spirits should have been higher.

City were involved in an unfortunate incident after their match with Newcastle last week, and could incur the wrath of the PSL for their crowd's behaviour.

Another match with plenty of prestige at stake, but one must favor Lions' chance of victory.

Brisbane

Dennis Ford has, contrary to reports, severed all connections with Brisbane City. Seems City are playing out the season under the direction of a triumvirate: players Perry and Rathmell and ex-custodian Dave Neal who has been looking after City's First Division team.

Ken Boden kept the pressure on Clive Eaton with his two Perry Park goals. A deceptive player, Boden lulls defenders into a false sense of security, having very little physical challenge, and a sluggish way of moving. However, his skills on the ball are of the highest order and he has a striker's gift, the ability to be in the right place at the right time, a priceless commodity.

Lions were the latest victim of the PSL administration goof, being forced to play two very important matches on two consecutive days, with a lot of travelling to boot. Even the top professional sides in Europe would back at that sort of thing and they are full-timers.

— J. BINNIE

Sydney

Playing with all the aplomb in the world is 16-year-old goalkeeper Peter Wilson, of Sydney Olympic's reserve team. Wilson, a Coast product who played for NSW under 16, took over when Herc Karakostas suffered an injury which put him out for the rest of the season.

Western Suburbs and Easts-Hakoah went out of their way to run a promotion over last weekend. Unfortunately for them, overnight rain did not assist the venture, but the soccer public must have received a distinct impression that they were in there trying.

Joe Marston's big aim is to have Sydney Olympic playing consistent football. He has done handsomely with the talent at his disposal, and it would not surprise of the Olympic board regard him as a very strong candidate for the 1979 coaching post. Already president John Constantine has announced that the club is looking for stability in the appointment, and a two-year contract is likely.

Marconi were unlucky that flying winger Peter Sharne suffered a pulled hamstring as a result of his playing in the Queensland-NSW match in Brisbane. He saw his doctor on Saturday morning in a bid to overcome the trouble. After playing the second half as a replacement he packed the injury with ice.

The talk around the Marconi camp last week was that Bert Mariani was to receive a change in positions to stopper. It did not occur, however.

Mark Jankovics was a picture of dejection after pulling a hamstring against Olympic last week. One of the hardest workers in the team, he has missed 11 games with injury this season, and his position for the semi-finals is now under a cloud.

News came from Budapest that new St. George coach Joseph Gelei has at last received official sanction to leave for Australia. He should be here within two weeks.

Canberra

While Brian Stoddart will return to face South Melbourne on Saturday, there is doubt about two others, Salgado and Davies.

Ivan Guicic, who is recovering from a back injury, may have to play earlier than anticipated, as Salgado has a suspected broken nose.

Newcastle KB United will be Canberra City's opponents for an annual trophy, the Prime Minister's Cup.

It will normally be played for on a home and away basis.

However, this year there will be only one game — in Canberra on Sunday, September 17.

Officials hope the Prime Minister will attend and present the cup.

Mike Milovanovic won't be returning with the Australian Schoolboys. The young fullback will head for Yugoslavia, to visit relatives.

— C. KUNZ

Qld. v NSW 2-2 (1-0)

Although this game never caught alight, no doubt due to the holiday atmosphere surrounding the promotion, it served well the purpose to which it originally was aimed, proving to our rather sleepy administrators that an interstate series is now a viable commodity in the marketing of soccer to the greater Australian public.

Although both teams showed an abysmal lack of preparation for the game, there was enough good football played to make it apparent to even the most cynical of observers that, given a good sponsor, proper team preparation and some incentive for the players an interstate football competition could be started with very little effort and could become what the Sheffield Shield is to cricket.

Queensland on the day were the better side. The first hour belonged exclusively to them, Potter, Amos and Gaffney controlling the midfield to such an extent that we only saw glimpses of NSW's devastating wingers.

Dolan sent Queensland into the lead when he gave Todd Clarke no chance with a thundering 20-metre drive after Fairbrother and Kelso had "hustled" an opening.

Before this Clarke had covered himself in glory with good saves from attempts by Gaffney, Potter, Fairbrother and Dolan.

After halftime when Joe Vlasits made four changes, Queensland went further ahead when an unmarked Fairbrother crashed a header into the roof of the net.

After an hour it was noticeable that the Queensland midfield trio was slowing down and it was now Murray Barnes who began to show us what his form is all about.

Sharne began to get past Niven and pressure began to mount on Wishart's charges.

Sharne won a corner and Barnes found himself a free header to bring NSW back into the match.

Then Sharne ran through the defence to put another goal away and the pot began to boil.

Clive Eaton headed a ball narrowly past the post and Sharne broke free again but Wishart charged from his goal to save bravely at the flyer's feet.

One got the distinct feeling that had the game to be played last week both sets of players would have turned in a great match, as some of the lads struggled for understanding early on. In this respect the Queenslanders settled earlier and this probably gave them the edge on the day.

QUEENSLAND: Wishart, Perry, Hermiston, Bennett, Niven, Amos, Potter, Gaffney, Dolan, Fairbrother, Kelso (Millman).

NEW SOUTH WALES: Clarke, Mullen, O'Connor, J. O'Shea, Degney, P. Stone, Barnes, Sharne, C. Hall, Eaton, O'Connor.

Goals: 1-0 Dolan (37m), 2-0 Fairbrother (60m), 2-1 Barnes (71m), 2-2 Sharne (73m). **Referee:** D. Klose. **Crowd:** 2200.

— JIM BINNIE

OFFICIAL PROGRAM OF PHILIPS SOCCER LEAGUE



THIS WEEK

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

Newcastle v Marconi Int. Sp. Centre, 3pm
Canberra v South Melb. Bruce Stadium, 3pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

St. George v Western Sub. Barton Park, 3pm
Olympic v ES Hakoah Wentworth, 3pm
Fitzroy v Footscray Olympic Park, 3pm
Br. Lions v Br. City Perry Park, 3pm
West Adel. v Adel. City Hindmarsh, 2.30pm

NEXT WEEK

PHILIPS LEAGUE SEMIFINALS

(DETAILS TO BE ANNOUNCED)

NSW FED. JUNIORS

UNDER 14	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Suburbs	19	3	1	86	18	41
Toongabbie	18	3	1	74	13	39
APIA	16	4	2	71	18	36
Sydney Olympic	12	6	4	46	19	30
Marconi	11	6	6	65	33	28
Blacktown	8	7	6	47	22	23
Warrickville	8	4	9	42	30	20
Auburn	8	2	9	47	37	18
Hakoah	8	—	12	38	44	16
Belmore	2	7	14	21	59	11
Melita	3	2	17	17	106	8
Bankstown	3	1	16	13	56	7
Guildford	1	1	20	7	112	3
UNDER 15	W	D	L	F	A	P
Western Suburbs	16	3	2	108	16	35
APIA	16	3	1	80	8	35
Belmore	14	5	2	51	18	33
Guildford	14	3	3	47	18	31
Marconi	14	2	5	95	19	30
Bankstown	7	1	10	38	42	15
Auburn	6	2	11	28	49	14
Blacktown	5	3	11	20	43	13
Sydney Olympic	4	3	12	24	54	13
Toongabbie	4	4	13	12	59	12
Warrickville	1	3	16	15	82	5
Melita	1	2	17	13	123	4

UNDER 16	W	D	L	F	A	P
Marconi	13	6	2	38	33	*33
Sydney Olympic	13	5	2	40	21	31
APIA	10	8	2	33	13	28
Bankstown	11	5	3	48	21	27
Auburn	10	3	4	35	13	23
Western Suburbs	10	3	8	46	25	23
Belmore	8	8	7	22	26	20
Guildford	6	5	10	34	48	17
Hakoah	3	8	8	21	30	14
Toongabbie	5	3	11	24	40	13
Blacktown	1	5	12	7	45	7
Melita	—	1	19	12	83	1
*Plus 1 point						
		U14	U15	U16		
Blacktown v T'gabbie		0-2	1-0	—		
Auburn v Guildford		8-0	0-4	3-0		
Marconi v APIA		2-1	1-3	1-1		
Belmore v Guildford		0-1	1-2	4-3		
Sydney Olympic v Blacktown		4-0	0-4	2-0		
West Subs vs Melita		10-0	7-1	4-2		

The next trials for the NSW State Federation teams are as follows:

Under 14 — Guildford Park, 6.30pm, Monday, August 28.

Under 15 — Guildford Park, 6.30pm, Friday, August 25.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 24: Hungarian Film — 8pm.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25: International Night: Scottish theme with John MacDonald — 8pm.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26: PAUL MAYBURY — 8pm.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27: Disco — 7.30pm.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30: Disco — 7.30pm.

FOR MEMBERS' INFORMATION

NSW TABLES

DIV. 1, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A
Croatia	18	3	50	9	36
Sutherland	13	3	5	33	14
Monaro	11	5	5	37	24
Melita	13	—	8	36	26
Auburn	11	3	8	44	32
APIA	10	3	9	29	21
Mv. Olympic	10	3	8	28	29
Toongabbie	6	6	9	21	27
Granville	6	6	10	24	32
Yugal	7	4	9	26	36
Avola	7	3	10	24	32
Manly	5	6	11	21	48
Arncliffe	3	5	13	14	37
Bankstown	3	3	15	18	38

DIV. 1, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A
Manly	17	3	2	52	13
APIA	14	3	4	31	18
Croatia	13	4	4	43	22
Sutherland	13	3	5	56	14
Auburn	13	2	6	45	23
Arncliffe	11	4	5	42	16
Granville	10	2	9	35	28
Melita	8	4	8	27	31
Mv. Olympic	6	7	8	27	33
Toongabbie	4	4	12	20	33
Avola	5	2	14	24	43
Yugal	5	1	15	21	56
Monaro	4	1	16	19	62
Bankstown	2	2	17	15	65

DIV. 1, GRADE 3					
	W	D	L	F	A
Manly	16	2	2	69	13
Sutherland	15	4	1	51	10
APIA	10	3	6	34	20
Arncliffe	9	4	5	27	19
Granville	9	3	7	24	28
Auburn	8	3	9	21	19
Croatia	6	6	7	26	28
Bankstown	7	4	8	21	28
Melita	7	3	9	18	24
Avola	5	3	12	18	42
Toongabbie	4	3	12	24	39
Yugal	3	5	11	15	48
Mv. Olympic	1	5	13	9	33

DIV. 2, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A
Ku-ring-gai	15	5	1	57	19
Blacktown	12	5	4	52	22
Revesby	10	8	3	39	30
Polonia	9	7	4	43	24
Uni. of NSW	11	1	9	45	23
Queens Park	10	2	10	42	53
Belmore	6	8	7	29	27
NS-Inter	7	5	8	32	39
Warringah	7	4	10	26	18
Gladesville	4	5	12	28	57
Guildford	4	2	15	36	53
Marrickville	3	4	15	28	62

DIV. 2, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A
Uni. of NSW	16	3	2	56	20
Ku-ring-gai	15	4	1	54	21
Belmore	12	4	5	44	34
Gladesville	11	4	6	52	27
Revesby	11	3	6	35	25
Polonia	8	6	6	39	28
Blacktown	8	4	9	39	20
NS-Inter	6	4	10	34	39
Marrickville	5	5	11	33	65
Guildford	2	7	12	25	47
Warringah	3	3	15	24	55
Queens Park	2	3	16	20	68

DIV. 2, GRADE 3					
	W	D	L	F	A
Belmore	15	4	2	63	14
Warringah	14	5	3	36	15
Blacktown	14	4	3	55	20
Gladesville	15	2	3	46	12
Ku-ring-gai	13	1	6	38	20
Revesby	10	2	9	43	22
Guildford	8	2	11	38	33
Polonia	5	5	10	30	42
Queens Park	5	3	14	28	51
Uni. of NSW	4	3	14	22	67
NS-Inter	5	1	14	21	44
Marrickville	—	1	19	9	86

DIV. 3, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A
Nepean	19	2	1	80	26
Bathurst	16	4	2	48	14
Bondi	11	5	6	41	26
Lethbridge	8	6	8	34	32
Port Hacking	9	4	9	42	43
Yagoona	8	6	8	38	39
Gladesville	7	6	9	27	31
Dee Why	7	4	11	38	44
West Ryde	6	6	10	26	35
Lane Cove	6	4	11	26	35
Riverstone	2	7	12	19	41
Wentworth	2	6	14	18	71

DIV. 3, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A
Nepean	16	4	2	73	13
Gladesville	15	2	5	62	25
Yagoona	12	7	3	45	25
Port Hacking	12	3	7	54	31
Dee Why	10	7	5	40	20
Bondi	12	3	7	38	34
Lethbridge	7	3	12	33	37
Bathurst	6	4	12	28	55
Lane Cove	4	6	11	25	41
Riverstone	5	3	13	25	69
West Ryde	4	1	16	24	60
Wentworth	5	1	15	16	55

DIV. 3, GRADE 3					
	W	D	L	F	A
Bondi	16	3	1	57	28
Gladesville	13	5	4	40	25
Nepean	13	4	5	46	22
Port Hacking	12	5	5	49	22
Bathurst	13	2	7	45	26
Wentworth	9	6	6	23	18
Dee Why	10	3	9	42	38
Lethbridge	7	6	9	27	28
Lane Cove	5	4	12	18	24
Yagoona	5	4	13	24	43
Riverstone	1	6	14	10	79
West Ryde	1	2	18	21	54

DIV. 3, GRADE 3					
	W	D	L	F	A
Bondi	16	3	1	57	28
Gladesville	13	5	4	40	25
Nepean	13	4	5	46	22
Port Hacking	12	5	5	49	22
Bathurst	13	2	7	45	26
Wentworth	9	6	6	23	18
Dee Why	10	3	9	42	38
Lethbridge	7	6	9	27	28
Lane Cove	5	4	12	18	24
Yagoona	5	4	13	24	43
Riverstone	1	6	14	10	79
West Ryde	1	2	18	21	54

DIV. 4, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A
Baulkham Hills	13	6	1	44	16
Ashcroft	11	6	4	36	24
Sydney Uni.	12	3	6	44	34
Campbelltown	9	9	3	37	24
Greenwich	9	6	6	35	30
Hurstville	9	5	6	43	38
Ryde	7	7	7	38	31
Nth. Bankstown	8	5	8	31	34
Artarmon	6	6	9	33	40
Padstow	6	2	13	37	51
Fairfield	3	4	14	18	35
Holroyd	1	3	17	23	60

DIV. 4, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A
Padstow	16	3	2	58	22
Baulkham Hills	13	4	3	52	18
Ashcroft	10	6	5	43	28
Campbelltown	11	4	6	37	29
Ryde	10	4	7	35	34
Artarmon	7	7	7	33	38
Nth. Bankstown	6	8	7	27	28
Fairfield	7	4	10	36	33
Hurstville	7	2	11	28	39
Greenwich	5	4	12	24	53
Holroyd	4	3	14	24	56
Sydney Uni.	4	1	16	30	42

DIV. 5, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A
Bonnyrigg	14	2	3	51	20
Kingsford	10	5	4	44	30
Paddington	10	5	4	33	25
North Ryde	11	2	6	45	29
Chelsea	9	3	7	32	39
Eastwood	7	7	6	33	31
Revesby Rovers	8	2	9	41	37
North Rocks	5	6	8	29	37
Maroubra	6	3	10	28	38
Auburn Juniors	4	1	14	30	47
Haberfield	2	2	15	27	60

DIV. 5, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A
Eastwood	12	2	5	38	26
Kingsford	10	5	4	41	24
Bonnyrigg	10	3	6	45	30
North Rocks	9	5	5	44	29
Paddington	11	1	6	36	25
North Ryde	8	5	6	35	23
Auburn Juniors	8	4	7	36	24
Revesby Rovers	7	3	9	32	38
Haberfield	5	2	12	27	52
Chelsea	4	2	13	31	56
Maroubra	3	2	14	29	52

DIV. 6, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A
Eastern Creek	15	6	—	68	17
West Holroyd	15	4	2	49	17
Concordia	13	3	5	43	32
Pagewood	11	5	5	37	25
Fairfield West	9	5	7	49	41
W. St. George	7	9	5	42	23
Camden	6	5	10	34	48
Macquarie Uni.	6	4	11	36	44
Prospect	4	6	11	33	40
Hawkesbury	5	3	13	24	46
Canley Heights	4	4	13	34	56
Green Valley	3	2	16	31	77

DIV. 6, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A
Fairfield West	17	1	2	59	23
Eastern Creek	13	4	4	50	27
W. St. George	13	3	5	50	32
Prospect	13	1	7	45	37
West Holroyd	11	3	7	35	23
Macquarie Uni.	10	2	9	42	36
Canley Heights	8	4	9	29	39
Camden	7	1	13	31	43
Concordia	6	3	12	23	35
Hawkesbury	4	4	13	25	42
Green Valley	5	1	14	31	51
Pagewood	3	3	15	25	57

DIV. 7, GRADE 1					
	W	D	L	F	A
Edensor Park	16	4	1	60	23
Chullora	14	2	5	62	29
Maccabi	12	5	4	52	29
Southern Dist.	12	3	6	55	34
Bankstown Sp.	10	6	5	71	38
Moorebank	11	3	7	59	44
Liverpool	9	5	7	53	43
Lakemba	7	5	9	40	39
Greystones	5	1	15	25	72
South Sydney	3	4	14	22	53
Mt. Pritchard	5	—	16	31	63
Emu Plains	3	—	17	20	83

DIV. 7, GRADE 2					
	W	D	L	F	A
Chullora	14	5	2	75	32
Maccabi	15	3	3	58	23
Moorebank	14	5	2	52	

STATE LEAGUE

MV. OLYMPIC — AVALA 2-1 (1-0)

Avala must have learnt the hard way that there is no prize for giving away infringements within scoring distance of goal. Their habit gave Alan Hignett the chance to show what he could make of it with goals in the 29th and 63rd minutes. His first came from a freekick pass by Ross Brown, and the second was a scorching drive from 25 metres which gave Avala keeper Charles Antonic no chance as it blazed into the net. Avala did pull one back in the 82nd minute when John Beater headed home a cross from Alan Griffith. Over the last 10 minutes Avala pressed hard, but Marrickville held on, thanks to the solid tackling

and clearances of Norm Penman and Harry Xipolitis.

MARRICKVILLE: El Zein 3, Kable 3, Sheldrick 3, Penman 4, Xipolitis 3, Brown 3, Balafas 3, Hignett 4, Thompson 3, Nezeritis 2 (Pareskevas 46m), Karapashos 3 (Triantafillis 84m).

AVALA: Antonic 3, Krejza 3, Deller 3, Barton 3, Gray 3, Necic 3, Patterson 3, Milovanovic 3, Beater 3, Kodor 3, Griffiths 3.

Goals: 1-0 Hignett (29m), 2-0 Hignett (63m), 2-1 Beater (82m). **Referee:** G. Power. **Crowd:** 485.

— D. WENDT

SUTHERLAND — AUBURN 2-0 (0-0)

There was little to choose between the two teams in the first half as they tried each other out. Sutherland became the more aggressive after the interval and created clear chances which neither had produced earlier. The four midfielders vied for control, but no clear winners emerged in that department. John McDonald grafted well with little support, and it was John Watkiss' 30-metre thunderbolt that finally opened the door for Sutherland. They had some anxious moments as they pushed forward, leaving space in central defence, but Mark Harrington

sealed the result three minutes from fulltime.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs 3, Hesford 3, Wykes 3, Watkiss 3, Dal Forno 3, Schumann 5, Hall 3, Meades 4, Beggs 3, Bosterfield 5, Harrington 2.

AUBURN: Gisborne 3, Cornett 3, Peters 2, Dobson 3, Fairclough 4, McDonald 5, Stevenson 2, Hamilton 4 (Bartram 60m), Tilt 3, Field 3, Tracey 4 (Hoysted 80m).

Goals: 1-0 Watkiss (70m), 2-0 Harrington (87m). **Referee:** B. Fowler. **Crowd:** 806.

— R. DEWICK

BANKSTOWN — MONARO 2-3 (0-2)

Apart from a tremendous goalscoring performance by Sebastian Giampaolo for Monaro, it was three defensive blunders by Bankstown that cost them the match. In fact, it was only Laurie Pelic, Allan Burke, Walter Valeri and Giampaolo that stood between Bankstown and victory. Bankstown created so many chances, but Billy Angelopoulos, Neil Williams and Dennis Daley muffed them. Giampaolo scored his first goal in the 22nd minute and right on half-time Valeri lifted the ball over the wall for the tall striker to net again. Bankstown hit back strongly to draw level with two goals in as many minutes. Tansley came back with a beautiful header, and then Daley scored with a solo

effort. However, Giampaolo wrapped it up with a 69th minute goal.

BANKSTOWN: Greedy 4, Thompson 3 (Usher 77m), Morrison 3 (Rootsey 46m), Lynch 4, Lembyk 4, Trusty 3, Angelopoulos 2, Williams 3, Peck 3, Daley 3, Tansley 4.

MONARO: Pelic 4, Lawler 3, De Paoli 2 (Muir 60m), Cumming 3, O'May 3, Forwood 3, Burke 4, T. Morsello 2 (Campbell 66m), Giampaolo 5, Valeri 5, J. Morsello 3.

Goals: 0-1 Giampaolo (22m), 0-2 Giampaolo (45m), 1-2 Tansley (56m), 2-2 Daley (57m), 2-3 Giampaolo (69m). **Referee:** P. Rampley. **Crowd:** 211.

— E. PERSEN

GRANVILLE — MANLY 6-1 (3-0)

Granville produced their best form of the season to crush Manly with ease. Jim Herron scored a second-half hat-trick, and only a deflected header from a team-mate prevented Bruce Waldron from notching one also. Manly scored first through Ron Geekie, but by the 21st minute Bill Fraser had put Waldron through for his first. A clever build-up by Jim Herron saw Waldron score again in the 35th minute. In the 38th Barry Hoare brilliantly saved Bob Geoghegan's penalty kick. Then came Herron's great burst of scoring, after which Paul Haydec netted three minutes from the end. Only John Dick and Joe Nawalu

looked the part for Manly.

GRANVILLE: Hoare 4, Barron 4, Bigland 3, Selfridge 4, Lackey 4, Barker 4, Bates 3, Haydec 3, Herron 5, Fraser 3, Waldon 5.

MANLY: Cassettari 3, Dick 4, Gosling 3 (McVeigh 50m), Doyle 4, Stocks 4, Banks 3, Geoghegan 3, Geekie 3, Nawalu 3, Roozendaal 3, Stuart 2 (Laye 65m).

Goals: 0-1 Geekie (12m), 1-1 Waldon (21m), 2-1 Waldon (35m), 3-1 Herron (56m), 4-1 Herron (71m), 5-1 Herron (77m), 6-1 Haydec (87m). **Referee:** R. Lorenz. **Crowd:** 342.

— G. STREETER

APIA — MELITA 0-1 (0-0)

Melita sunk APIA's hopes of a semi-final place with a 1-0 win at Lambert Park. The goal came in the 53rd minute when defender Steve Ververis, one of the day's best players, burst down the left flank for his cross to be slotted home by Ian McGovern. Five minutes later APIA suffered a further blow when defender Norrie Porter heavily brought down Melita striker Terry Jones and was sent off by referee Henry Witschge. Melita deserved their lead and APIA were only a shadow of their best with only McMillan, McGinn and Butler showing

out. APIA came back over the last 20 minutes, but goalkeeper Uwe Blacklow and Lady Luck kept them at bay.

APIA: Fraser 3, Pullen 3, McMillan 4, Porter 1 (sent off 58m), McGinn 4, Lindsay 3, Ruiz 3, Butler 4, Doyle 3, Cgruthers 2 (Link 81m), Griffith 3.

MELITA: Blacklow 5, Ververis 5, Mikas 3, Yamine 3, Huntley 1 (Hermondez 46m, 2), Darvill 4, Parker 3, McAusland 4, Jones 3, Ilanomou 2 (Scriberras 76m), McGovern 4.

Goal: 0-1 McGovern (53m). **Referee:** H. Witschge. **Crowd:** 1873.

— E. DE MESQUITA

ARNCLIFFE — YUGAL 2-2 (0-0)

Thanks to Frank Hall, the Scots' hopes of staying in First Division are looking much brighter. He grabbed a last-minute equaliser to snatch a point off higher-placed Yugal after their energetic midfielder Ron Delaney had scored what had seemed to be a winner a minute earlier. Yugal's winger Tom Mihajlovic sent over a well-flighted corner which Delaney nodded in between keeper and post. The first half was all Arncliffe but they bombed many chances in attempting to look for their first goal. Early in the second half Mihajlovic volleyed in after a cross from Prgomelja, but with five minutes to go John Muscovits grabbed a goal for Scots after a break by Dave

Baker. Three minutes later came Delaney's goal, followed by Hall's great equaliser.

ARNCLIFFE: Rogers 3, Butler 3, Warner 3, Smart 3, Hall 3, Martin 3, Bankhead 3 (Wilkinson 77m), Santa Rosa 2 (Brizuela 48m, 3), Muscovits 3, Blackburn 3, Baker 3.

YUGAL: Mandrides 4, Radovac 3, Trkulja 3, Prgomelja 3, Novakovic 3, Cuk 4, Delaney 3, Tanoski 3, Roovac 3, Serdarevic 2 (Piper 45m, 3), Mihajlovic 4.

Goals: 0-1 Mihajlovic (48m), 1-1 Muscovits (85m), 1-2 Delaney (88m), 2-2 Hall (90m). **Referee:** K. Small. **Crowd:** 350.

— S. MUTIMER

TOONGABBIE — CROATIA 1-3 (0-2)

Atti Abonyi led Croatia to yet another victory in a game which Croatia completely dominated and could have won by a much bigger margin. From the kick-off Croatia dictated play but Toongabbie, though under pressure, put up a solid defensive performance until Abonyi eluded his shadows and in brilliant fashion found the gap to put his side in front. From then on the result was never in doubt and it was only a matter of a win by how much for Croatia. John Russell had a tremendous game and so did Ian Stone and Maurice Sullivan who kept the Toongabbie defence pinned in their own half for the bigger part of the game. After the interval, Toongabbie came forward more frequently on the

break but their attack lacked firepower. Peter Freeman in goal made some tremendous saves and Laurie Parkhouse was a tower of strength in defence which certainly helped keeping the score respectable.

TOONGABBIE: Freeman 4, Taylor 3 (De Valle HT), Guerlo 3, Pena 3, Parkhouse 4, Hormazabal 4, Pollard 3, Borwick 2, Izatt 3, Ortega 3, Armytage 4.

CROATIA: Watson 4, R. Russell 4, Cagali 4, Mullen 3, Smith 4, J. Russell 4, Coleman 3, Stone 4, Abonyi 5, Kovacic 3, Sullivan 4.

Goals: 0-1 Abonyi (33m), 0-2 Stone (38m) 1-2 Pollard (75m), 1-3 Coleman (80m). **Referee:** A. McKenzie. **Crowd:** 2274.

— C. SPITERI

MONARO SET FOR GOOD HOME WIN

Sebastian Giampaolo last week highlighted Inter Monaro's semi-final possibilities when he returned to the scoring list with a hat-trick against Bankstown.

The tall striker, who has represented Australia and NSW this year, has been light on goals, but many keen critics believe that it has only been the lack of opportunities created for him that has kept him back.

Monaro are now back in the four with 27 points, with Melita next on 26 and Auburn outside on 25.

The final four may be an intriguing one, and it is not even resolved until Melita and Monaro meet on September 24.

This weekend's biggest crowd-puller could be APIA at home to Croatia, but APIA are now in sixth place, just ahead of Marrickville Olympic.

MARRICKVILLE v MANLY
This Saturday's match at Arlington gives Olympic an outstanding chance for a home win.

Theoretically it is not impossible for them to reach the final four, but they have a hard draw — Auburn (a), Toongabbie (a) and Croatia (h).

Having probably rescued themselves from the demotion area, Manly can go out and play without too much pressure on them, in spite of their huge loss to Granville.

Even without their shining schoolboy light, Peter Katholas, absent in America, Olympic are more resolute at the back and could take the points.

SUTHERLAND v GRANVILLE
State coach Joe Vlasits was more than pleased with the way that 19-year-old Craig Hall stood up to his first interstate game against Queensland.

With tons of experience at the back and plenty of young talent elsewhere, Sutherland will make it hard for visitors Granville.

On the other hand the Magpies are making no bones about their comeback ambitions — John Watkiss cannot expect to get it easily.

Jimmy Herron, a valiant marksman with Saints and then Sutherland, will be keen to pop in a goal or two against his old club, which will add much spice to the encounter.

TOONGABBIE v AUBURN
Auburn's bid for the semi-finals after such an inconspicuous start should see them pressing hard against the clever Toongabbie side.

If there is a weakness in the Demon's defence, Auburn's livewire blend of youth and experience will probe until they find a way through.

Toongabbie have depended considerably on Jimmy Izatt for this season's goals, and Auburn

are bound to treat him with a lot of respect.

Auburn's games after this one are Monaro (h), Marrickville (h) and Granville (a), and they need the points this week to slip into the semis.

MONARO v AVALA
This home game should produce a win for Monaro, but their semi-final aspirations are not quite so certain, although they are improving.

The revival of Melita means that they and Auburn are well in the event, with Croatia a certainty and Sutherland almost home for the top four competition.

Monaro are going to miss John Santolin, on the injured list. He is a great young defender and one of the finds of the season.

Avala have been plagued with

an unevenness in defence, but if Alec Gray can get the backs settled again the Avala lads could trouble their opponents.

APIA v CROATIA
With matches to play against Avala (a), Bankstown (a) and Yugal (h), APIA appear destined to end up outside the four.

Coach Mike Johnson is flat out to motivate his team. Against Melita they did not impress until it was too late.

Regardless of whether they make the four or not a win over Croatia would be a great achievement for the team.

Abonyi's Croatia side, with talent of promise for the years ahead, are right in the box seat for their second premiership on the trot.

YUGAL v BANKSTOWN
"Simple, direct football and no

QLD LEAGUE NOW CERTAIN

Queensland's ambitious State League plan is now virtually certain to get off the ground next season.

The 10-team league's content will mean that clubs going through from Brisbane to Townsville and possibly Cairns and vice versa will fly the equivalent of the longest distances involved in the PSL.

Promotion and relegation will apply in 1980 in each of the four zones, but any new clubs will have to meet very stringent administrative and financial hurdles as well.

Each club provides \$10,000 to enter, which covers air travel and accommodation.

Total cost in these categories has been budgeted at \$100,000 for the 18-match season, which includes a 10 per cent contingency.

The Queensland Soccer Federation is negotiating with sponsors, with \$50,000 as the likely figure.

Success in this negotiation would halve each club's levy, and the QSF will provide the administrative services.

A State-wide press service will be provided by AAP's Queensland Regional News grid.

Channel 8 Lismore is negotiating for the Gold Coast club's home matches, and central and north coast TV stations are looking for coverage.

The four groups for promotion and relegation purposes are:

STATE SET-UP WILL CHANGE

Changes are proposed for the set-up of senior soccer within the State for 1979.

The top competition will again be the State League, and it will include the winning Second Division club from 1978 — Kur-ring-gai.

The 1978 bottom club will be relegated to the new competition, to be known as First Division.

This is expected to also include the reserve and third teams of the PSL clubs, which are believed certain to gain re-affiliation to the NSW Federation.

Teams from cities outside Sydney and within the State will be considered for the First Division competition, along with the most promising of the present Second Division Clubs.

In lower divisions the first and second placed clubs in each division will receive the promotion they have earned.

The clubs that follow them in the various grades will be promoted if vacancies still exist in the higher grades.

Clubs which have won promo-

tion such as Bonnyrigg Eagles are far from happy, however.

They say that the influx of new clubs to First Division simply means that they will again be playing against some of the clubs they competed with this year.

A spokesman for Bonnyrigg told us that the club has gained promotion once again.

"In our first year in the Federation, six clubs went up a grade, and last year four clubs went up. How could you say we have really been promoted?" he asked.

The new set-up will go before the NSW Federation annual meeting, where it is expected to be approved. Clubs from Fourth Division down are voteless.

Some of Australia's best players will be with the PSL Club's First Division teams.

Presuming that they will have to use a different club name to their PSL parent, the names should receive deep consideration before decisions are made.

— K. Gilmour



— By Keith Gilmour —

fancy stuff," is coach Roger Bamforth's orders to the Towns as they battle against demotion.

"I don't want players trying to beat a few men or holding on too long; it is the basics that can get us there."

Bankstown's problem in facing the Yugal game is that Arncliffe Scots are moving up the table as the result of draws in successive games.

In the Yugal match there is little between the teams, but Yugal have been more regular in scoring, and Tom Mihajlovic and Ron Delaney were both on target last week.

MELITA v ARNCLIFFE
Melita's revival and the possibility that Maltese international Ray Farrugia will turn out for them has given the Eagles the drive to win against Arncliffe.

A check is being made as to whether he is clear to play under Federation rules.

Farrugia, 22, was a top striker for the highly-rated Floriana, and his signing of a two-year contract for the Eagles is a great coup for them.

Kaz Kulak, Arncliffe's mustard-keen coach, has consolidated his team and John Muscovits is playing well enough to be scoring again after an early-season drought.

Melita's big home crowd must give them favouritism, especially as the very handy Phil Mikas is back in defence after injury.

ROTHMANS STATE LEAGUE

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27
FIRST DIVISION

Mv. Olympic v Manly Arlington

SECOND DIVISION

Polonia v NS Inter Chopin Park
Belmore v Uni. NSW Blick Oval

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28
FIRST DIVISION

Sutherland v Granville Seymour Shaw
Toongabbie v Auburn Girraween
Monaro v Avala Marco Polo
APIA v Croatia Lambert Park
Yugal v Bankstown Concord
Melita v Arncliffe Garside

SECOND DIVISION

Warringah v Revesby Graham Reserve
Polonia v Ku-ring-gai Chopin Park
Guildford v Blacktown Guildford
Gladesville v NS Inter Pioneer Park

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
FIRST DIVISION

Toongabbie v Mv. Olympic Girraween
Avala v APIA Mona Park

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3
FIRST DIVISION

Granville v Mv. Olympic Garside Park
Arncliffe v Sutherland Barton Park
Manly v Toongabbie Cromer Park
Auburn v Monaro Mona Park
Croatia v Yugal Sportsground
Bankstown v Melita Soccer Centre

SECOND DIVISION
Semi-finals: 1 v 3, 2 v 4. Venues to be decided later

WORLD NEWS



GAUCHOS WIN THEIR SPURS

"Ardiles and Villa are both truly great players" — this was the headline of London's Evening News after the debut of the Argentinian stars for Tottenham.

They appeared for the Londoners in a friendly against the Belgian Antwerpen and helped them to a 3-1 win.

According to reports, the two midfielders provided new class to Tottenham's game.

Villa had a hand in the preparation of two goals; Ardiles played only one half.

Ardiles was happy with his baptism. "The game here is a bit different from ours back home, perhaps faster but we'll adapt in no time."

Tottenham's manager Keith Burkinshaw was happy with the two Argentinians.

"Ardiles played non-stop, picked up many balls and passed immaculately, while Villa proved to be forceful and aggressive."

"I can hardly wait for the continuation."

This came pretty quickly.

Last weekend, in their first League match, the two Gauchos stood their ground well against champions Nottingham.

Villa scored a brilliant goal in a match drawn 1-1 — at Nottingham.

Klaus Fischer, the Schalke ace, who had such a wretched World Cup, started the new season brilliantly, scoring three of Schalke's four goals against Frankfurt.

Each West German player received \$12,000 as his share for the record released before the World Cup, "Buenos Dias Argentina".

Norwich City have refused an offer of \$400,000 for their young star Kev Reeves, sought by West Brom. Reeves joined Norwich 18 months ago for \$75,000.

Chelsea of London hope to invite New York Cosmos for a friendly on September 26.

Another Argentinian star has arrived in Europe: Oscar-Victor Trossero, 25, a striker from Santa Fe, has signed for the French club Nantes. He was a member of Argentina's 40-strong World Cup squad.

Zico, the disappointing Brazilian star, may follow Paulo Cesar and Rivelino to a Saudi Arabian club — whichever is willing to pay \$1 million for him to his club Flamengo.

The Yugoslav Association's new president is Steferet Mustafa.

An enviable record: the small German club MTV Furth (birthplace of Dr Kissing) has had the same coach, Herbert Machinski, for 25 years.

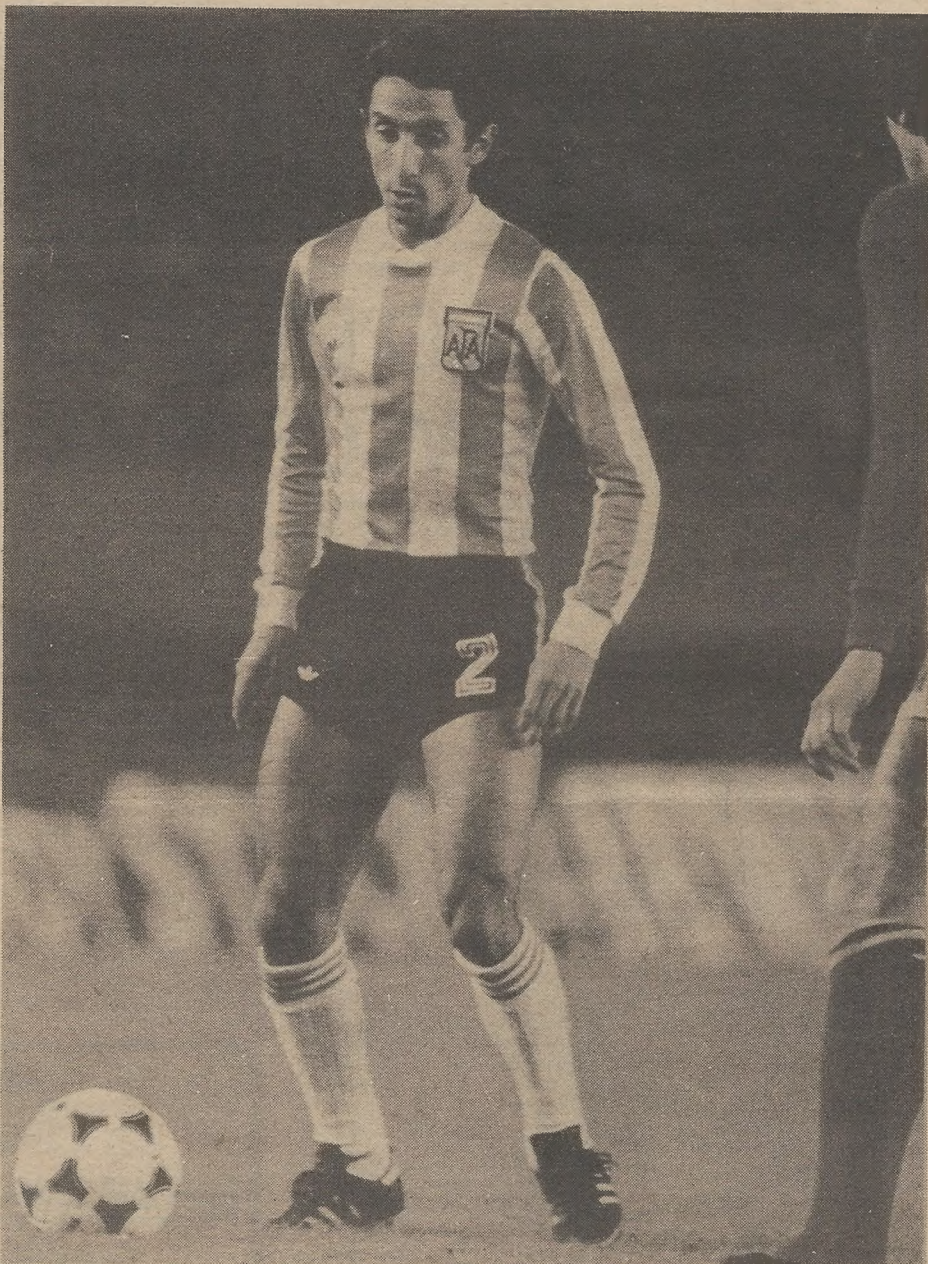
FK Austria-Wien has signed a Uruguay international, Carlos Sintas.

The Spanish Sevilla had to pay \$550,000 for Bertoni to his club, Independiente — plus \$90,000 to the player for his signature.

VfB Stuttgart, last year's high-flyers in the Bundesliga, sold 8000 season tickets at \$100 each before the new season's start.

Don Masson, the fading Scottish star of Derby, is transfer listed for \$90,000 and is likely to join Norwich.

Eleven of the 18 Yugoslav first division clubs changed coaches during the past season.



Osvaldo Ardiles, the handsome Argentinian star, now with London's Tottenham Hotspur.

Penarol of Montevideo is the new champion of Uruguay, four points ahead of Nacional.

Southampton are hoping to sign two Yugoslavs, Lorinc and Golac — but may have difficulty obtaining work permits for them as Yugoslavia doesn't belong to the Common Market from where the entry of players is becoming less restricted.

Adrian Alston, certain to play for Cardiff again, will have as one of his team mates Micky Burns, ex-Newcastle, signed for \$110,000.

Ex-Hungarian international Zoltan Varga is now player-coach of a small West German club, BV Luenen-Brambauer, near Dortmund.

Next year's UEFA youth tournament will be staged by Austria. This year's, in May, was won by the USSR — without conceding a goal.

To further underline the immense advantages of home teams in international tournament, the soccer tournament of the African Games was won by Algeria — at home.

Argentina's soccer successes continue: following their World Cup win and Boca Juniors' triumph in the Intercontinental Cup, River Plate won an international tournament in Madrid ahead of Atletico, Rayo (Spain) and Derby.

There are about 250 British players with the various professional clubs in the USA.



The two great Michels — Platini (left) and France's manager Hidalgo.

Platini out, leg broken

France, one of the most talented teams seen at the recent World Cup, have met with a severe blow: their brilliant midfielder Michel Platini suffered a double fracture of his shin and ankle in a recent match against St. Etienne.

The Nancy star's recovery may take months and it's questionable whether he will ever recover fully.

He will be badly missed on September 1 when France plays Sweden in Paris in the European Championship.

Apart from Platini, the team's sweeper, the colored Tresor will be also absent with a stubborn injury: his successor is Specht from Strasbourg.

Manager Hidalgo has also recalled a former international, Synaeghel, who, in his new club Metz, is playing better than before with St. Etienne.

On the other hand, a few name players are likely to be dropped for the match against Sweden: Bertrand-Demanes, Rio, Michel, Petit, Papi and Dalgier.

Hidalgo says he is not writing off these experienced stars but merely wants to test some young blood.

Frem of Copenhagen won the Danish Cup and with that the right to enter the European Cupwinners' Cup where they will meet Nancy of France in the first round. It was the same Frem which was beaten 3-1 in Tokyo in 1971 by the then brilliant St. George during an international tournament.

Spain's Valencia is determined to challenge the domination of Real Madrid and Barcelona. Their latest signing, after the German Bonhof, is Daniel Solsona, 26, a Spanish international.

Finland and Norway played a 1-1 in Helsinki in front of a mere 7000 fans.

Alberto Tarantini, Argentina's World Cup fullback, has signed for Barcelona. As the Catalan aces already have two foreigners in Neeskens and Krankl, Tarantini will take out Spanish citizenship to which he is entitled through his wife's Spanish ancestry.

Jock Stein is likely to be the next manager of Leeds, at \$50,000 a year.

Norway's Arne Larsen, from the Oakland Club, has been offered a lucrative contract by the Austrian Sturm Graz.

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